

Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Adrian McDaniel Eric Scott Gregory Ware Lynda Gonzalez

Council Member Absent

Mike Koss Jacqueline Cox Betty Gosney

Minutes

Chair Adrian McDaniel moved to postpone the approval of the April minutes to the next meeting since the majority of the members that were present at the April meeting were not present to verify the accuracy of the minutes.

New Business

Colton Joint Unified School District

Presenters: Marge Mendoza Ware, President of the Board of Education
Jaime Ayala, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Ms. Mendoza Ware provided an update regarding the District's Measure G project list. She reported that they have broken ground at the new high school in Grand Terrace. She also reported that the next construction project will be a middle school in Bloomington on Valley Blvd. The District has also proposed a new high school in Bloomington on Cedar Ave and Santa Ana Ave. There are also plans to do major modernization to both Colton and Bloomington High Schools.

Mr. Ayala explained that the new construction and modernization projects will be funded locally by the Measure G bond. The District's operational budget is a separate funding source provided by the state. He reported that the new Grand Terrace High School is going to be built on 67 acres. It will be a freshman through senior campus and will have space for 3,000 students. The school will be made up of 270,000 sq ft. and it will include athletic fields. The tentative completion date is scheduled for early 2011.

There are several improvement projects the District has planned for Bloomington area schools. The District is partnering with the County to construct sidewalk improvements along Slover Ave. at the middle school and along Santa Ana Ave. next to the high school. The District also plans on upgrading the stadium bleachers and adding parking and drop off areas.

Mr. Ayala was asked if Bloomington and Colton students will be able to attend the new Grand Terrace High School. Mr. Ayala stated that the District anticipates the new high school will be a magnet school because of its technology resources. Once the school is close to completion the District will have to conduct a study to establish new boundaries for attendance.

Ms. Marge Mendoza Ware announced that the mandatory closure of Ruth O' Harris Middle School was cancelled. The department of health advised them that it was no longer necessary.

Staff Reports

A. California Highway Patrol- Officer Hope Maxson

Officer Maxson stated that she is working to resolve the illegal commercial traffic on Santa Ana between Laurel and Alder. This area is currently posted "No Commercial Traffic" and has received complaints about commercial trucks in this area.

If residents have traffic complaints or concerns they may contact the CHP at (909) 383-4247.

B. Field Representative – Dan Flores

Mr. Flores reported that the County Workforce Development Board is sponsoring youth employment services for the summer of 2009. Flyers with contact information are available.

Mr. Flores also reported that the County's Economic Development Dept. will begin the process of working with a consultant to conduct an economic needs assessment study of the unincorporated communities of Bloomington and Muscoy. A committee of county administrators and MAC Chairs recently recommended the selection of the Planning Center consulting group to facilitate the study. Supervisor Gonzales has requested that the process include community input from the onset as well as throughout the process to help identify the communities' goals and vision.

Next Mr. Flores reported that the Bloomington Tourism Grant applications are available. There is approximately \$4,000 in available funds this year. The deadline is 5pm, June 19, 2009.

Finally he wanted to recognize the current woman of the year Mrs. Virginia Gyle, who is celebrating her birthday. She is 86 years young and extremely active and on behalf of Supervisor Gonzales he wanted to thank her for all that she does and he will present her with a new American flag for the Bloomington Garage.

C. Sheriff's Department – Sergeant Finneran

Sergeant Finneran reported that they are trying to stop and deter the illegal food vendors in Bloomington. He reported that they are working with other county departments such as the Board of Supervisors and the District Attorney's so that together they can find a solution to the problem. He stressed that it is essential that the District Attorney's office prosecute them once they are cited. He also said that the ordinance needs to be written in such a way that they (the Sheriff's Dept) can do something about the problem. He reported that they have been targeting the swap meet area and it has made a difference. Council Member Ware expressed that people have told him that the Sheriff's response time is almost instantaneous and that the gang activity in Bloomington has slowed down and he wanted to commend them.

D. Special Districts – Tim Millington

Mr. Millington passed out the budget to the MAC members. He reported that special districts received about \$300,000 from taxes and the current budget is 1.4 million but only \$350,000 is for services. The remaining funds are capital improvement dollars allocated for the Kessler Park Improvement Project. He gave an update on the CDBG projects and reported that they have put some concrete walkways and they will put some new picnic tables. It should be finished up within the next week. He also stated that both gazebos will get new tables.

Old Business – Update on the proposed Rialto Commerce Center

Dan Flores stated that he spoke to Mike Story the Director of Community Development. Mr. Story indicated that there is no scheduled date for the Planning Commission to discuss the Rialto Commerce Center Project. The City indicated that they will need more time to review all of the

comments submitted in response to the draft EIR. They are interested in coming back to the MAC to discuss the comments received.

Special Presentation – Bloomington Documentary by Eric Davenport

Mr. Eric Davenport showed a rough cut of a documentary he has been working on and asked for comments from the audience. The title is "Bloomington- My Kind of Town".

Items for Upcoming Meetings

SANBAG/County Public Works- Riverside I-10 Interchange. Council Member Ware would like an update on truck parking activity taking place at the site of the former Bloomington Recycling facility.

Member Reports

Council Member Lynda Gonzalez asked to keep a prayer for Council Member Jacqueline Cox as she was having a surgery. She also wished everyone a happy Mothers Day.

Chairman McDaniel reported that a signal is being installed at the S.B./Riverside County line along El Rivino and Cedar.

Council Member Gregory Ware stated that the website called crime mapping they put it together with a small budget and they said it has also been brought to his attention that the food bank is very troubled. The reserves are extremely low and encouraged all to help out. He stated that the biggest issue is the Fran's health is an issue and the big concern is who will take it over. They are now currently open a few days a month. They take food donations and money donations. Field Representative Dan Flores said he would look into seeking help from the LA Mission and would provide an update.

Council Member Eric Scott wished everyone a happy Cinco de Mayo and a happy birthday to Virginia Geil.

Public Comments

Andrew Homes, president of the Chaos Kids wanted to let the community know that they were recognized for volunteering over 40,000 hours. Gilbert Brewer Jr. who is 13 and a special needs kid has read to younger children and picked up 50 dumpsters of trash and 1,000 jackets were given to children who could not afford them. Santa's helpers and the sweater swap program and trash pick up. They would like to ask that Gilbert Brewer Jr. be the Grand Marshal of the Bloomington Christmas Parade. He was directed to ask the Bloomington Boosters as they are the ones who organize the parade.

Pam Gyle announced the Fontana Safety Bike Fair on July 18th between the library and the CHP and County from 10:00am to 2:00pm. They want people to donate bikes to raffle away. This will be prior to National Night Out and they are looking for volunteers and donations of girls and boys bikes for the event. They will be having hot dogs and chips for those that come. She said that the Teamsters are going to let them use the library and it will be on bike safely. She said that they would appreciate anyone who would like to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

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